


REMARKS

The Examiner rejected all pending claims under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of related U.S. Patent No. 6,002,140. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants recognize that filing a terminal disclaimer will not reduce the term of any patent issued on the instant application, and the assignee intends to maintain common ownership in any event. Therefore, please find attached a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer submitted to obviate the present rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the present rejection and allowance of claims 1-4, 6-12, 27-30, and 32-35.

Respectfully submitted,

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